

# DEL welcomes ESIT!

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Early Support  
for Infants  
and Toddlers



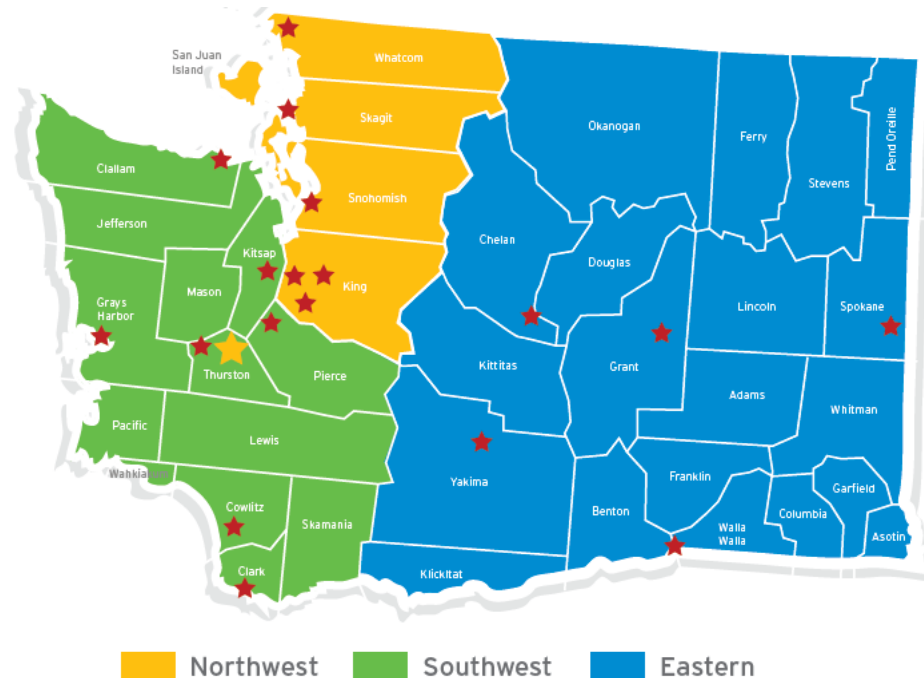
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# Department of Early Learning 101

## Who we are:

 213 employees

 19 offices around the state



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 Our vision:

*“Together, with parents and partners, we offer children world-class learning opportunities so they realize their full potential.”*



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## ▣ What we do:

- ▣ Child care licensing and monitoring
- ▣ Child care subsidy policy
- ▣ State-funded preschool program (ECEAP)
- ▣ Early Support for Infants and Toddlers
- ▣ Head Start State Collaboration Office
- ▣ Washington Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills (WaKIDS) pilot
- ▣ Seeds to Success (Washington's Quality Rating and Improvement System)
- ▣ Parent support and information



# Early Support for Infants and Toddlers transfer

- ❑ Senate Bill 6593
  - △ Transferred program
  - △ Renamed program
- ❑ Effective July 1, 2010
- ❑ ESIT staff moving this week!
- ❑ Smooth transition
  - △ For staff
  - △ For local lead agencies
  - △ For families receiving services



# Why ESIT belongs at DEL!

- ❑ Children with disabilities and developmental delays are, first and foremost, children!
- ❑ Move supported by Governor, Legislature, DSHS Secretary, DEL Director
- ❑ DEL has primary focus/interest in children and families birth to 5
- ❑ Systems/service delivery integration opportunities
- ❑ Increase visibility of the program
- ❑ Policy implications/opportunities



# Congrats to ESIT!

- ❑ Part C determination letter issued to DSHS Secretary Dreyfus from OSEP on June 3
- ❑ Washington meets requirements of Part C
- ❑ Commended by OSEP for vast improvements



# What's next?

- ❑ Focus on maintaining Part C compliance status
- ❑ Integration with DEL programs
- ❑ Incorporation of ESIT into DEL strategic plan
- ❑ Continued leadership for ESIT in state birth to 3 plan
- ❑ Continue to consider governance integration strategies (ELAC, SICC, etc.)
- ❑ Continue to consider ESIT's role in implementing the Early Learning Plan





## Early Support for Infants and Toddlers (formerly ITEIP)

Early intervention services during the first years can make a big difference in a child's life. Early Support for Infants and Toddlers (formerly the Infant and Toddler Early Intervention Program or ITEIP) provides services to children birth to 3 who have disabilities and/or developmental delays. Eligible infants and toddlers and their families are entitled to individualized, quality early intervention services in accordance with the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part C.



Early Support for Infants and Toddlers (ESIT) transferred from the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) to the Department of Early Learning on July 1, 2010. This was a move supported by Governor Chris Gregoire, DEL, the Legislature and DSHS. Children with disabilities or developmental delays are, first and foremost, children! We at DEL look forward to ensuring Washington children and families continue to receive excellent early intervention services through ESIT.

To learn about typical development and what to do if you have concerns, read this [birth to 6 pre-screening chart](#) or call the Family Health Hotline at 1-800-322-2588.

### Questions about early intervention

Here are some of the common questions about the ESIT program and early intervention. [Read More >](#)

### Early intervention services

There are services to help you help your child develop and learn. [Read More >](#)

### Program eligibility

The Family Health Hotline is a good place to connect to your local intervention program. [Read More >](#)

### Getting help early matters

Early intervention helps minimize delays and promote healthy child development. [Read More >](#)

### System Improvement Project

Information about the Washington State Part C System Improvement Project. [Read More >](#)

### Interagency Coordinating Councils

The state and local interagency councils help coordinate and build capacity for early intervention services. [Read More >](#)

### Related Information

- [Child Development](#)
- [ESIT publications and documents](#)

### Top Downloads

- [Birth to 6 developmental chart](#) [118K]
- [Washington State Early Learning and Development Benchmarks](#) [80.6MB]
- [An Introduction for Parents to the Benchmarks](#) [478K]

[More >](#)

### Related Websites

- [Individuals with Disabilities Education Act \(IDEA\), Part C](#)
- [CDC: Learn the Signs. Act Early.](#)
- [State Activities: State Approaches](#)
- [Parent to Parent](#)
- [Washington State Fathers Network](#)
- [Family to Family Health Information Center](#)
- [Washington PAVE](#)

[More >](#)

### For More Info...

[E-mail ESIT staff](#)

[Find local lead agencies and contact information](#)

If you have a concern about a child's development call the Family Health Hotline at 1-800-322-2588 TTY: 711 (TTY relay). This is a statewide, toll-free number with help in English, Spanish and other languages. Use this number to connect to local family resources coordinators and other resources.

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❑ We welcome your feedback and suggestions!



# Questions?

